



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Workforce and Caregiver Work Group

Date: January 11, 2006, conference call

Attending: Darby Anderson, Donna Copeland-Hill, Betsy Creamer, Leann Dolan, Martha Holstein, Melissa Kahn, Peg Keeley, David Lindeman, Dan McCloud, Scott Musser, Ruth Waeltz and Alicia Weber

1) Status Report of OASAC meetings, report, next steps

Department Report being edited. Being sent to Governor and Legislators in near future.

Next OASAC Executive Committee meeting set for 1/23/06.

OASAC meeting dates for 2006 are finalized (available on the IDoA Website).

2) Status Report from Coordinators on Subcommittee Priority Efforts

Workforce Priorities

- 1) Improve Health Insurance for Workers -- Coordinators: Alicia Weber and Darby Anderson
House Bill 4404 has been introduced. A similar bill will hopefully be introduced in the Senate. HB 4404 utilizes the language submitted in the OASAC Report. Information needs to be assembled so that we can address all other long term care workers, including data from adult day care, nursing home and senior center associations as well as AAA directors and the Chicago Metropolitan Healthcare Council.

Next Step: Development of a survey that will define the workforce that serves older adults that can benefit from expanded health insurance. Update by 1/27.

- 2) Career Ladder and Lattice Programs -- Coordinators: David Lindeman and Melissa Kahn
A background document has been drafted.

Next step: Document circulated by 1/27.

- 3) Priority Training Programs -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Melissa Kahn
A background document will be prepared that identifies training programs that do not overlap with career ladder/lattice/apprenticeship programs.

Next step: Document will be circulated to the Subcommittee when it is completed.

Family Caregiver Priorities

- 1) Improve Respite Funding and Alternative Services -- Coordinators: Naom Ostrander, Martha Holstein and Brian Schwarberg

Justification for the respite funding level will need to be refined. The benchmarking study will contribute to an accurate assessment of the recommended funding level. In addition, information

should be developed that covers “gap filling” via other funding streams.

Next step: Data will be collected by the Coordinators.

- 2) Caregiver Benchmarking Study -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein
Background work on survey/benchmarking and a draft research plan will be circulated. Brian and Betsy Creamer are getting information from the State Caregiver Advisory Committee. There will be a follow-up call of interested parties to review draft survey concepts. Funding will be necessary to undertake the study itself.
Next step: Data will be circulated by 1/27.
- 3) Working Caregiver Meeting -- Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg and Martha Holstein
Background work needs to be done to determine who the private/public stakeholders are. It was recommended that the next step after the Illinois background work is done will be to review corporate strategies and state policies.
Next step: Data will be collected by the Coordinators.
- 4) Individualized Caregiver Training Coordinators: Brian Schwarberg/Martha Holstein
No update.

3) Next Steps – Proposed Meetings

Please hold the following times on your calendar:

Monday, February 6 **Subcommittee**, 11 a.m. conference call

Monday, March 6 **Subcommittee**, 11 a.m. conference call (tentative)

Monday, March 13 **OASAC Meeting**, Springfield

Monday, April 10 **Subcommittee**, 11 a.m. conference call (tentative)